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TO KARAMANLIS LETTER

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1. WE NOTE FROM REFTTEL, PARTICULARLY PARA 3, THAT IS
HAS MADE PROGRESS IN ITS EFFORT TO ASSESS CONSEQUENCES

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OF GREECE'S WITHDRAWAL. SYG LUNS, WE GATHER FROM

REFTEL, ALSO APPARENTLY HAS IN MIND A PLAN FOR NEGOTIATING THESE VARIOUS ISSUES WITH GREECE.

2. WE WELCOME, OF COURSE, IS'S INITIATIVE AND EXPECT IT TO REPRESENT THE KIND OF STAFF WORK WHICH WILL BE NEEDED IN THE PERIOD AHEAD WHILE A NEW RELATIONSHIP IS BEING ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GREECE AND NATO. AT SAME TIME, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT LUNS AND IS UNDERSTAND THAT CONTENT AND TACTICS OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE ARE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL ALLY AND ESPECIALLY TO THE US BECAUSE OF ITS BILATERAL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH GREECE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO HOW TALKS EVENTUALLY WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH GREECE, WE WOULD VERY

MUCH APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPORT OF WHAT LUNS AND THE IS HAS IN MIND IN THIS REGARD, AND OF THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE STUDIES THEY ARE PURSUING, INCLUDING THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS, IF ANY, THEY HAVE REACHED TO DATE. ALSO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S VIEWS ON DISPOSITIONS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR DEALING WITH GREECE-NATO ISSUES. WHILE WE AGREE THAT DPC SHOULD SERVE AS PRINCIPAL COORDINATING BODY, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO SUPPORT IT THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF THIRTEEN CHAIRED BY DEPUTY SYG IN ARRANGEMENT SIMILAR TO THAT EMPLOYED TO DEAL WITH FRENCH WITHDRAWAL. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE ANY NEGOTIATING MANDATE THAT LUNS MAY EVENTUALLY EXERCISE SHOULD BE APPROVED AT EACH STEP BY DPC ACTING ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANTS IN INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE.

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